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Russell G. Wieman is the National Managing Partner of Assurance and Advisory Services of Grant Thornton LLP. This practice includes the audit, business advisory, economic advisory and transaction advisory service lines. Under Russ’s leadership this practice has more than doubled revenues in the last four years.

In this role Russ is responsible for risk management, service and technical quality, audit training, operations, and interaction with the PCAOB and other regulatory bodies.

Focusing on the relationship that he has built with his colleagues, Russ has spent over 30 years making Grant Thornton a great place to be. Throughout his career, he has served clients and assumed leadership positions to help shape the firm and the accounting profession. Russ is a member of the Senior Leadership Team of Grant Thornton and the Assurance Advisory Committee of Grant Thornton International.

Before becoming the National Managing Partner of Assurance and Advisory Services, Russ has had many positions within the firm. He has served as an audit partner, Assurance Practice Leader of the Chicago office, Managing Partner of the Detroit office and Regional Managing Partner of the Midwest region. In addition, he was elected to the Partnership Board in 2000 and was also the Chairman from 2001-2002.

Mr. Wieman earned a B.S. in Accounting at the University of Illinois.